

whereas MnO_2 catalyst did not initiate such a reaction (MnO_2 is a preferred catalyst in Oroskar et al.).

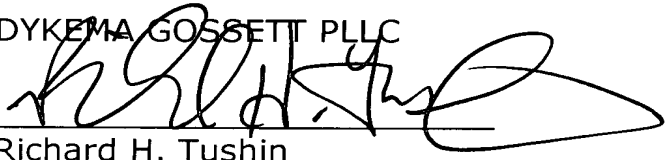
It is asserted that these experimental results support the applicant's argument that Oroskar et al. cannot be relied upon to suggest the claimed invention.

Favorable reconsideration is requested.

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